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February 21, 2003 LB 143A, 164A

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on LB 143A.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and especially members of the Appropriations Committee and their Chairman, LB 143A is a bill that results in a General Fund savings. It would increase expenditures from the Integrated Solid Waste Management Cash Fund in the Department of Environmental Quality by \$100,000 per year. It also reduces the General Fund appropriations to DEQ by a corresponding \$100,000, and to be exact \$854 per year. So this means the Appropriations Committee will have an extra \$100,854 to spend had we not passed...if we don't pass this bill. So once in a while we do something right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Open for discussion on advancement of LB 143A? Seeing no lights on, Senator Schrock, do you wish to close? He waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 143A to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on advancement of LB 143A. Have you all voted who wish to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 143A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 143A does advance. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: LB 164A by Senator Schrock. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on LB 164A.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 164A, this is a bill that would increase expenditures from the Construction Administration Fund and DEQ by \$150,000 per year. This fund could be used for wastewater assessment and planning grants to municipalities. This is revolving fund money and some of that money is generated by grants, by federal grants, and it is used for wastewater projects in our municipalities. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them.